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REMARKS

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1. On 15 April 1952, the Infanterie Kaserne in Zeitz (N 52/K 08), east of Friedensstrasse, was occupied by between 1,800 and 2,000 soldiers and guarded by sentries who wore black-bordered red epaulets with either tank or artillery insignia. During the period from 10 to 12 April, firing practice with live ammunition with small arms at targets similar to balloons involving between 400 and 500 soldiers each time occurred daily at the Muehlwiese training field from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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2. On 15 April, the Artillerie Kaserne, west of Friedensstrasse, was occupied by 1,600 to 1,800 soldiers and guarded by sentries wearing red-bordered black epaulets. On 10 April, two T-34 tanks each carrying crew of five, left the installation toward Golben and returned at night.

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3. A column of trucks was seen Zeitz coming from the direction of Gera (N 51/K 05) and proceeding toward Naumburg (N 52/J 89) between 8 and 11 p.m. on 13 April. ** About 125 trucks towing AT guns, AA guns and heavy mortars were seen passing the town between 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on 15 April. ***

* Comment. The information contained in paragraph 2 of the report indicates that the 57th Gds Mecz Regt in the Infanterie Kaserne and the unidentified Gds Tank Regt of the 20th Gds Mecz Div in the Artillerie Kaserne were still in Zeitz in mid-April 1952.

** Comment. the 170th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div returned from a practice to its Naumburg post.

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*** [REDACTED] Comment. These movements from Zeitz toward the south were possibly also [REDACTED] observed the tanks and a few trucks moving toward Zeitz when the 17th Gds Tank SP Regt of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div in Weissenfels left its installation and personnel and equipment was simultaneously entrained at the railroad station. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] There is a possibility that the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div is practicing in the Nickelsdorf forest southwest of Zeitz. Artillery units of this division, which had been in Kindel, according to unconfirmed information, left from there toward Langensalza during the same period. Thus, large elements of the division have no longer been confirmed more accurately since mid-April. [REDACTED]

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